



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

February 13 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

February 28 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK SAGES

FEBRUARY 9, 6:00 PM, FAITH UMC

LAKE PARK COMMUNITY WATCH

FEBRUARY 15, 7:00 PM, LP CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GREEN ROOM

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

FEBRUARY 19, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MTG

FEBRUARY 22, 7:00 PM, 6136 CREFT CIRCLE

LAKE PARK PLUS INVESTMENT CLUB (MEMBER, NAIC)

FEBRUARY 28, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH ST. (VISITORS WELCOME)

LAKE PARK SINGLES GROUP (FOR SINGLES OVER 45)

MARCH 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

New Local Announcements

The Council's website, www.lakeparknc.gov, now contains a page with community announcements and events of general interest to the village. Click on "Local Announcements" to view the new page.



Protecting VOLP Youth

Community Watch and Council get information on gangs

Community Watch chair Royetta Sieminski and Council member Sarah Barbour attended a meeting on January 9, 2007 sponsored by the Union County Sheriff's Department. This is the first in a series of Sheriff's Department meetings to educate the public about recognizing gang activity, preventing gang development, and about protecting communities and youth. The Sheriff's department related to Ms. Sieminski that the only verification of any gang using "Lake Park" or "LP" in their name has been in graffiti spotted outside the village. Furthermore, the existence of a group with either identity is based only in rumor. She also learned that no such activity has been identified with any youth residing in the village.

Deputy Jason Miles and Deputy Ryan Tomberlin care deeply for the young people in Lake Park, but as they learn their names and build a rapport, they also make it clear that they are law enforcement officers and are here to keep them and the village safe. Officer's schedules are not published and frequently vary to provide maximum coverage, so always call 911 to report any suspicious unknowns. This can also deter gang recruitment.

Last summer's first National Night Out for Lake Park residents and families was initiated by Officer Miles. The event received outstanding support from the Sheriff's Department, the Community Watch, volunteers, media and residents, and was designed to build security awareness.

To learn more about youth safety and Lake Park security, the Lake Park Community Watch invites residents of all ages to attend the next local meeting February 15 at 7:00 P.M at the Lake Park Christian Academy Green Room.

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For your Information...

Waste Collection Guidelines

Village Council has learned a lot about providing one of the best collection services in Union County. The attached "Waste Collection Guidelines" provides up to date information for everyone in Lake Park.

NOTE: Detach the sheet, fold it in half and keep it handy (maybe in your local phonebook?) for easy reference throughout the year.

What is the "Intergovernmental Agreement" passed by the council in January?

The resolution approved by the council in January states that the Village of Lake Park will work with Union County for flood damage prevention. Specifically, it states that the Village will use the services of the county inspections office to administer the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Additionally, with this resolution, the Village adopts the county's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to be binding throughout the village. Furthermore, all fees and charges associated with administering this ordinance will be collected by the county and not by the village. By approving this and pending the approval by county commissioners, the village will be able to participate in the National Flood Insurance program should the need arise.

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December Security Report

For December 2006

The Union County Sheriff's office December report for Lake Park indicates that they responded to a total of 58 calls within the village for December compared to only 59 in the month of November. The majority of the calls were for traffic enforcement vehicle stop, totaling 24 of all the calls within the village. Alarms were the source of six calls while general calls accounted for five. Deputies Miles and Tomberlin also want to remind everyone that the yield sign at Third Ave. and Carol (just outside of Lake Park) is now a stop sign. Officers will be watching that intersection and writing citations for all violators.

Council Meeting Highlights

For the January 9, 2007 Meeting

The Lake Park Village Council met on January 9 for its normal meeting held on the second Tuesday of every month in the Community Center. Some of the highlights from the meeting include:

- Council member Sarah Barbour discussed options to address false alarms within the village. She suggested sending a letter to property owners responsible for two or more false alarms within a quarter. A letter could be in lieu of drafting an ordinance with a civil penalty. Mrs. Barbour is also working on a reference booklet to contain all village ordinances along with an index that contains a brief description of each.
- The finance officer's report showed that all budget line items and fund balances seem to be tracking well this fiscal year.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission reported that all the domestic waterfowl within the village have been relocated to a wildlife sanctuary.
- The council is continuing to work on sidewalk repair needs throughout the village with the paving contractor.
- Sandy Coughlin advised council that waste collection costs have been tracking slightly above budget. She initiated a study to examine the costs vs. tax revenue for commercial waste collection.
- The council approved an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and Union County concerning a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.